

**DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION**

**Background Information  
on  
Commission Members**

#### JOEL KELLER

Mayor Keller, although born in Queens, New York, has had a distinguished professional and political career in California. He received his A.A. in Political Science from Los Angeles City College (1965), A.B. in Criminology from University of California (1971), and completed 40 hours of graduate study in Public Administration from California State University, Hayward (1972-74). From 1965 to 1969 he served in the United States Air Force.

Mayor Keller's professional and working career includes Traffic Accident Investigator in Utah (1966-1968), American Forces Radio Announcer in Taiwan (1968-1969), Police Officer in Oakland, CA (1973-1975), Counselor for Byron Boys Ranch (1973-1975), and Deputy Probation Officer in Contra Costa County (1975-present).

Mayor Keller served on the City Council (1982) and as Mayor of Antioch (1984, 1988, 1992).

His Board memberships/community activities include: Board Chair of the Delta Diablo Sanitation District and the Tri-Delta Transit District; Board Member of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, Highway 4 Bypass Authority, TRANSPLAN, Delta 200, American Heart Association; Alcoholism Council of Contra Costa County; and as a Member of the Kiwanis Club of the Delta and the Delta Pride.

#### ROBERT CALONE

Mr. Calone has an A.A. of Arts from Diablo Valley College, a B.S. in Management from Golden Gate University, and is a Building Trades Journeyman plumber and a I.C.B.O. certified plumbing inspector. He also holds a life certificate certified teaching credential from the State of California to teach plumbing.

He has been the director of Winter Island Farms Reclamation District since 1986 in addition to holding the office of Recording Secretary of UA Local 159, plumbers and steamfitters and serving on the negotiating committee of UA Local 159 and the Board of Directors of the Craftsman's Corporation.

Mr. Calone has works as General Superintendent for Los Medanos Plumbing Company (1980-present) and is a member of California Water Fowl.

#### **DARRELL FERREIRA**

Darrell Ferreira is a second generation farmer residing in the Walnut Grove area and grows multiple crops and pears.

He attended the University of Davis and studied Agronomy and Business Administration.

Mr. Ferreira is a member of the Delta Citizens Municipal Advisory Council (1983 - present), Pear Advisory Board, the Farm Bureau, and Chairman of the Reclamation District 551. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Bank of Rio Vista. Western Growers Association.

#### **GEORGE L. BARBER**

George Barber was elected to the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors in 1974, Fourth Supervisorial District, re-elected four times and served as Chairman in 1979, 1984, 1987 and 1991.

He and his family own and operate a 100 year-old ranch on the Mokelumne River and was chosen Delta Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer for 1967-68. He has a degree in social science with post graduate work from Sacramento State University. He was a supervisor with US Military Intelligence in Japan for two years.

He is a past president and the only charter member of the County's Economic Development Association still on its Board of Directors, he served for 22 years as the President of the Thornton Chamber of Commerce and is past President of the San Joaquin County Chamber of Commerce.

George Barber was Chairman of the County's Water Conservation Task Force (1977), County drought program and the Metropolitan Water Study Committee, Co-Chairman of the Friends of New Melones Dam organization, and is President of the East San Joaquin Water Users Association. In April of 1984 Governor Deukmejian appointed Mr. Barber to the State/Federal Task Force on Auburn Dam.

In the field of public health, he has served on many boards, and technical advisory and policy committees.

He has been Chairman of the Board of the statewide organization of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) and as a local LAFCO Commissioner since 1976; as a member of the County Supervisors Association of California (CSAC), the Transportation Committee and the Natural Resources Committee (Vice-Chairman), the Executive Committee and the Governmental Affairs Committee (chairman); and currently, President of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California State Supervisors Association.

#### **PATRICK McCARTY**

President and CEO of the McCARTY Company; providing business, financial and management services to agriculture from offices in Bakersfield, Fresno and Stockton. Mr. McCarty has over 12 years of experience in agricultural problem solving, finance and management. A graduate of St. Mary's College of Moraga, with degrees in Economics and Business Administration, he has been employed in government, industry and agriculture. After working with a major Northern California grower, he was intent on making agriculture his future, and founded the McCARTY Company. Mr. McCarty is a graduate of the California Ag Leadership Program, Class XII, and is a member of the Ag Leadership Associates and Farm Bureau. He is also very active in community and charitable organizations and was recipient of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce 1990 Small Business Person of the Year award.

#### **TOBY JOHNSON**

A native of California, C. Tobias "Toby" Johnson resides on a small cattle ranch in Franklin with his wife Sue and three sons. Members of his family were, for many years, farmers in the Sacramento River area and in Sutter County. Toby served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He attended U.C. Berkeley, Sacramento State University and Stanford University, receiving his B.A. and M.A. degrees in Education and Public Administration, and holds an Elementary and Secondary Teaching Credentials and a School Administrative Credential. Toby has served as a principal and school district administrator in various capacities including superintendent in urban and rural school districts.

Toby has administered labor relations, project writing for state and federal grants and school site development, planning and construction of facilities, and has had experience in community planning.

Since January 1, 1979, he has served continuously as Supervisor of the 5th Supervisorial District in Sacramento County. In addition, Toby also represents Sacramento County on the following boards and commissions: Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), Delta Advisory Planning Council, Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), Sacramento Mother Lode Regional Association of County Supervisors, National Association of Counties (NACO) Taxation and Finance Steering Committee, Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA), Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) and the Sacramento County Cable Commission.

#### MIKE MCGOWAN

Mike McGowan was elected Supervisor, District 1, Yolo County on January 4, 1993.

He received a B.A. in government from Sacramento State University and a Juris Doctorate from McGeorge School of Law. He served in Vietnam as a United States Marine in 1968.

Mike has been in private law practice in West Sacramento since 1977 and is specializing in criminal defense.

He was elected to the first council for West Sacramento in 1987 and resigned from the council in 1993 to become a member of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. He was West Sacramento's first mayor (1987-89).

#### SKIP THOMSON

Rural Vacaville homeowner Skip Thomson serves as Supervisor on the Solano County Board of Supervisors. He served during the Vietnam War as an Intelligence Officer/Interpreter in Southeast Asia and received an AA degree in Solano Community College and a BA degree in International Relations with a minor in Spanish from UC Davis in 1976.

In 1976 he joined the staff of the Solano County Assessor's Office and later received a degree in Real Estate from Solano Community College. He is a Certified Appraiser for the State of California, serving as a Supervising Appraiser in the Solano County Assessor/Recorder's Office, responsible for managing the Real Estate Division. He introduced the independent Assessment Appeals Board to the Assessor's Office, which will remove property tax disputes from politics and reduce the appeals process from years to months. By training the Real Estate Appraisal staff in the Assessor's Office to use the model computer system (SCIPS) he cut appraisal costs to less than one-half those incurred by comparable Bay Area counties. This cost-cutting innovation saves Solano County taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars each year.

Responsible for administering the Agricultural Preserve (Williamson Act) tax reduction program in Solano County, he cut processing times from 3 months to 2 weeks.

Skip is a member of the Solano County Farm Bureau and raises championship Arabian horses on his ranch, also serving a term as President of the Northern California Flying Horsemen Association.

#### HEATHER FARGO

Heather Fargo was elected to the Sacramento City Council in 1989 to represent District 1. She is a member and past chair of Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), alternate to Sacramento Area Council of Government (SACOG), City Transportation and Community Development Committee, Old Sacramento Management Board member, and Downtown District Board member.

She has been an employee of California Department of Parks and Recreation since 1975, and is currently working in the Local Assistance office with responsibilities for grants to Southern California park agencies.

Ms. Fargo is a graduate of U.C. Davis (1975) with a B.S. in Environmental Planning and Management.

She is a board member of the Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS), a past board member of Stanford Settlement, a founding board member and past president of Natomas Community Association, and a founding board member and first secretary of Sacramento Tree Foundation.

#### CLYDE L. BLAND

Mayor Bland grew up as a farm boy in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas and served in World War II as a U.S. Marine. Most of his career has been in sales, the last 27 year of which have been as proprietor of a successful insurance agency in Tracy.

He served 4 years on the Tracy Planning Commission, one year as Chairman and is currently the elected Mayor of Tracy, having served on the City Council since May of 1985. As a representative from the Council, he serves on the Tracy Area Public Facilities Financing Agency Board and Tracy's Economic Development Committee.

At the County level, he serves on the San Joaquin County Water Policy Advisory Committee, the San Joaquin County Council of Governments (Executive Board), and is the Council of Governments' representative to the Altamont Pass Advisory Coalition and the three-county Interstate 5 Policy Committee.

He is an active member of the Gang Task Force in Tracy.

### **TOM TORLAKSON**

Tom Torlakson is a member of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, District 5, serving as Vice-Chairman and Chairman.

He also serves on numerous committees including the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Delta Advisory Planning Council, Board Recycling Committee and Environmental Affairs Committee, Association of Bay Area Governments, Finance Committee, Mental Health Advisory Board and TRANSPLAN.

Mr. Torlakson was Antioch City Councilman, Mayor Pro-tem (1978-81); Chairman, Antioch Local Economic Development Committee; Chairman, Contra Costa Economic Development Committee; Board of Directors of REACH; a high school educator (1971-1981) in the areas of science, health, nutrition, math and history and a track and cross country coach.

He served as a fireman in the Merchant Marines (1967-70), including MSTs to Vietnam, Thailand, Guam and the Philippines. He was also a gardener and landscaper and an insurance agent from 1987 to the present.

He holds a B.A. in History and an M.A. in Education from the University of California.

### **WILLIAM W. SALMON**

Mr. Salmon is president of Kellwill, Inc. a farming and management corporation, secretary and manager of ABF Farm Services, Inc., President of Kings Crown Packing Inc.; chairman and trustee of Reclamation District No. 1 - Union Island Commission; and has served on the California Asparagus Commission. He is presently a California alternate to the Board of Directors of Asparagus U.S.A.

He has served on the Board of Directors and was vice president of San Joaquin Farm Production, the Board of Directors and chairman of Tri-Valley Growers Relation Committee, President of the Growers Association, Board of Directors of San Joaquin Valley Hay, and the Board of Directors of California Farm Bureau.

From 1962 to 1973 he was a field buyer and independent farmer with the F.B. Young Grain Co., a manager of the Augusta Bixler Farms (1974-1978), and manager of ABF Farm Services, Inc. and president of Kellwill Inc. from 1979-1993.

#### DAVID N. KENNEDY

David Kennedy became Director of the California Department of Water Resources in June 1983, appointed by Governor Deukmejian. On February 1, 1991, Governor Wilson announced that he had asked Kennedy to continue as Director.

Before his appointment, Kennedy was assistant general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. He joined Metropolitan in 1968, and became an assistant general manager in 1974. From 1962 to 1968 he was an engineer with the Department of Water Resources in Sacramento. He received BS and MS degrees in civil engineering from the University of California at Berkeley.

Kennedy is a member of various professional organizations and is currently serving as Chairman of the Western States Water Council.

#### EDWARD G. HEIDIG

Ed Heidig was appointed Director of the Department of Conservation by Governor Pete Wilson in February 1991. As Director, Mr. Heidig directs supervision of the Department's Division of Administration, Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources, Division of Mines and Geology, Division of Recycling and the Office of Land Conservation.

Heidig provides the policy and management direction to carry out the Department's responsibility of stewarding California's earth resources through the promotion of conservation and prudent utilization of the state's land, energy and mineral resources.

Prior to Mr. Heidig's appointment at the Department of Conservation, he served as Legislative Advisor on Environmental and Energy Issues in Senator Pete Wilson's Washington D.C. office.

Before going to Washington D.C., he served as Staff Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and was a Land Use Consultant for the Sage Institute. He also served as Executive Director of Scrub Oaks, an organization promoting affordable housing.

Mr. Heidig serves as alternate commissioner on the Delta Protection Commission.

Mr. Heidig received his B.A. from Claremont McKenna College and a Juris Doctorate Degree from Pepperdine University School for Law. He has served on numerous boards and commissions at the local government level.



### BOYD H. GIBBONS

Governor Pete Wilson appointed Boyd H. Gibbons as Director for the Department of Fish and Game on December 11, 1991.

A Los Angeles native, Gibbons served on the senior editorial staff of many articles such as "The Intimate Sense of Smell," "The Itch to Move West," (about the Oregon Trail) and "A Durable Scale of Values", which is a profile of Aldo Leopold, the father of game management. He authored Wyve Island, a nonfiction work on the controversy of developing an island in the Chesapeake Bay, and The Retriever Game.

From 1974-76, Gibbons served as a senior research associate with Resources for the Future, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C. dedicated to policy research on natural resources.

An attorney, Gibbons held several significant positions in the federal and state government. He was Secretary for the first Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) in the Nixon administration, where he worked on issues ranging from land use policy to wetlands protection. From 1969-70, Gibbons served as Deputy Undersecretary of the Interior, and was, from 1967-69, a Legislative Assistant to Republican Senator Paul Fannin of Arizona.

Gibbons is a graduate of the University of Arizona (1959) and its College of Law (1962). He was a judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force in Okinawa (1962-65) and practiced law in Phoenix, as a member of both the Arizona and California Bar Associations.

### JAMES D. MESSERSMITH

James Messersmith is the designee of Director Boyd Gibbons for the Department of Fish and Game at the Delta Protection Commission Meeting.

Mr. Messersmith is the Regional Manager of the Department of Fish and Game's Region 2. He has held that position since 1986. Region 2 encompasses the following counties: Glenn, Butte, Plumas, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Sacramento, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras San Joaquin and the western part of Solano County.

He has been employed by the Department of Fish and Game in a variety of research and management positions in the field and at headquarters since January 20, 1958. In addition to the management positions he has held, he has worked as a Marine Biologist and as the Department's Legislative Advocate for six years.

Mr. Messersmith received his B.S. and his Masters in Fisheries from Oregon State University.

### **JOHN R. BANUELOS**

Governor Pete Wilson has appointed John R. Banuelos as Director of the California Department of Boating and Waterways.

Banuelos, 46, served for 15 years with the California Conservation Corps (CCC), most recently as Stockton-Stockton-Sacramento District Director. He was deputy director with the CCC from 1981-83, a regional deputy director from 1979-81, director of the Camarillo Center from 1978-79, and academy director and project coordinator for the CCC's Training Academy from 1977-78.

From 1975-76, he was an officer with the San Diego Police Department. He served in the U.S. Army from 1965-68.

Banuelos is a board member of the organization, Women Escaping A Violent Environment (WEAVE). He was an active fundraiser for the California Vietnam's Memorial. He was also a member of the Private Security Disciplinary Review Committee within the state Department of Consumer Affairs.

### **STEVE MELLO**

Steve Mello is a Trustee and Director of District No. 563.

Mr. Mello is a native of Walnut Grove and a second generation farmer who manages the family farming operation in the Delta. Steve is a married father of three. He attended California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, majoring in Crop Science and is a member of the Board of Directors of the North Delta Conservancy.

### **SENATOR PATRICK JOHNSTON**

Patrick Johnston was elected to represent the 5th State Senate District on January 8, 1991. The District encompasses the counties of San Joaquin and portions of Sacramento.

Senator Johnston is Chairman of the Senate Industrial Relations Committee. He is also a member of the following Senate Committees; Appropriations, Banking, Education and Retirement, and Transportation.

He served in the State Assembly representing San Joaquin County from 1980 until his election to the State Senate.

While in the Assembly, Johnston was Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Insurance. There he spearheaded investigations into the Lincoln Savings & Loans bond scandal and the fraudulent practices of several failed insurance companies.

In the current legislative session, Johnston has focused his efforts on workers compensation reform, protection of the San Joaquin/Sacramento Delta and affordable auto insurance.

### **ASSEMBLYMAN TOM HANNIGAN**

Tom Hannigan was elected to represent Assembly District in 1978. The district encompasses the counties of Solano (except Vallejo), almost all of Yolo County and the Delta region of Sacramento County.

Tom Hannigan is the Majority Floor Leader of the California State Assembly. He plays a central role in many statewide issues before the Legislature, including education reform and transportation. He has been instrumental in several proposals to ease the commuter crunch in the Interstate 80 corridor, including initiating increased passenger train service between Sacramento and the Bay Area.

Before his election to the Assembly, Hannigan served as Mayor of Fairfield and Chairman of the Solano County Board of Supervisors.

#### CHARLES WARREN

Charles Warren is Executive Officer of the State Lands Commission and was a member of the California Coastal Commission.

From 1963 to 1977, he was a member of the California State Legislature, chairing the Judiciary Committee and the Resources, Land Use, and Energy Committee among others. He was the founder and charter chairman of the Energy Task Force of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

He has served on the Federal Energy Administration, Environmental Advisory Committee; the Department of State, Office of Science and Technology; Congressional Office of Technology Assessment; and the Department of Commerce, Oceans and Atmospheric Administration.

From 1977 through 1979, Warren served in the federal government in Washington, D.C.; as chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, in President Carter's administration, drafted the President's Environmental Message of 1977 and was responsible for a number of resource and environmental initiatives dealing with such far ranging subjects as agricultural land preservation, water resource development, toxic waste disposal, alternative energy development, National Environmental Policy Act regulations, nuclear safety, and the Global 2000 Report, among other.

#### ELIZABETH PATTERSON

Elizabeth Patterson is the designee of Charles Warren for the State Lands Commission to the Delta Protection Commission Meeting.

Ms. Patterson is the Manager of Aquatic Resources Policy Group at the State Lands Commission.

She was the Delta Project Director for the Delta Estuary Report and prepared the Pt. Cabrillo Specific Plan EIR which led to public acquisition for this special coastal site. She has been an environmental planner since 1978, a consultant for citizen groups and local government, and an environmental planning firm project manager for CEQA.

Ms. Paterson has a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning from the State University at San Jose, and an academic background in Russian history.

She has served on the Executive Committee of People for Open Space, Conservation Chair of the Sierra Club (Regional Group), Contra Costa Board Member of the League of Conservation Voters, and Founder of 1000 Friends of Contra Costa and Benicians for Open Space.

She was appointed to the State Soil Commission by the Resources Agency Secretary in 1987 and is serving on county and city committees concerned with environmentally related issues.

#### HENRY J. VOSS

Governor Pete Wilson announced the reappointment of Henry Voss as Director of the California Department of Food and Agriculture on December 3, 1990.

Mr. Voss was first appointed Director May 1, 1989 after serving the California Farm Bureau Federation for 23 years, including 8 years as president. He also served on the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors.

Mr. Voss was born in San Jose and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Horticulture from the University of California at Davis. His 500 acre family farm in Ceres, Stanislaus County, produces peaches, prunes, walnuts and almonds.

#### A.J. YATES

Deputy-Director Yates is the designee of Director Henry Voss for the Department of Food and Agriculture at the Delta Protection Commission Meeting.

A.J. Yates was appointed Deputy Director of the California Department of Food and Agriculture on August 9, 1991 by Department Director Henry Voss.

Yates graduated from Fresno State College where he received a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Agronomy and has been involved in production agriculture for over thirty years growing cotton, wine grapes, raisin grapes, almonds, sugar beets and operator -owner of a cow and calf operation.

Yates has been actively involved in activities and organizations supporting agriculture and education in his community. He served as State Director to the California Sugar Beet Growers Association, and Director of the Mid Valley irrigation District. He was President of the Power Users Protection Council and battled the Public Utilities Commission during the mid-1980's on behalf of valley farmers.

In 1990 he traveled with representatives from the Governor's Office to open a new California trade office in Hong Kong.

Yates feels a strong commitment to education. He was a Korman High School board member for thirteen years and served on the Fresno County School board reorganizational committee.

Yates is the immediate Past President of the Fresno County Farm Bureau where he led the fight against such issues as Big Green and was involved in other issues, from opposing the table grape boycott to assuring Agriculture an ample labor force under the Immigration Reform Act.

#### DONALD MURPHY

On December 17, 1991, Governor Pete Wilson named veteran parks administrator Donald W. Murphy, the current superintendent of the state's Big Sur park district, as Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

From 1982-85, Murphy worked as a training officer with DPR and as a State Park Ranger from 1980-82.

He is currently a director of the Planning and Conservation League and is a past president of the California State Park Rangers Association.

A native of Los Angeles, Murphy received a bachelors degree in molecular biology from the University of California, San Diego in 1975. Murphy is also the author of Love Vingnettes (1982), a collection of sonnets and poetry.

#### DICK TROY

Dick Troy is the designee of Director Donald Murphy for the Department of Parks and Recreation at the Delta Protection Commission Meeting.

He has been superintendent of the Gold Rush district April 1982. He is the official designee for Director Murphy at the Delta Protection Commission.

Mr. Troy has worked in State Parks for 20 years as a park ranger, planner, Special Assistant to the Director and district superintendent.

Current responsibilities include 3 Delta area parks; Brannan Island SRA, Franks Tract SRA and the Delta Meadows project. Also part of Mr. Troy's responsibilities are the state museums and historic sites in Sacramento and several parks in the Sierra foothills, including Marshall Gold Discovery SHP, Empire Mine SHP, Malakoff Diggins SHP and the South Yuba River project.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Valley Open Space Conservancy, the Sacramento Visitors and Convention Bureau and the Old Sacramento Management Board.